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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully note that an initialed PTO Form-1449 of an Information Disclosure Statement filed August 23, 2004 has not been received by Applicants. A request for a copy of such form was transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 9, 2004. To date, no reply has been received. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement provided herewith, as well as an initialed copy of PTO Form-1449 for the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 23, 2004.

The patents or publications listed on the enclosed PTO Form-1449 are submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. Copies of the patents or publications cited are enclosed.

TIME OF FILING

The information disclosure statement is being filed:

with the application or within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or

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2. ____ after the time period specified in paragraph 1 above, but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. Therefore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), submitted herewith is:

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- A. a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).
- B. ___ the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).
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